

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 58-73 are pending.

By this Amendment, claims 64, 71 and 73 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 58-63, 65-70 and 72 would be pending.

No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 72 and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed arrangements are allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 73 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 72 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns and is believed to be directed to statutory subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Rejections under § 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 58, 59, 61, 62, 65, 66, 68, 69 and 72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grayson et al. (US Patent No. 5,963,217) in view of Taylor (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,935) and in further view of Dutta (U.S. Patent No. 6,983,424). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims. Claims 60, 63, 67 and 70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grayson in view of Taylor and in further view of Dutta and Hikawa (US Patent No. 6,424,944). Claims 64, 71 and 73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grayson in view of Taylor and in further view of Lowry (US Patent No. 5,946,002).

Claims 64, 71 and 73 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 58, 65 and 72 are directed to an arrangement in which, if there is the need for hiding of the text string, the speaker image is displayed by placing it over the text string to hide the text string from users' view.

As acknowledged by the Examiner, neither Grayson nor Taylor disclose or suggest displaying the speaker image by placing it over the text string to hide the text string from user's view. The Examiner alleges that this claimed aspect is taught by Dutta (e.g., col. 9, lines 29-40 and Fig. 10, elements 1022, 1023, and 1028). Dutta however does not remedy the deficiencies in the teaching of Grayson and Taylor.

For example, Dutta discloses a method for displaying icon image in a folder, including a character display mode or an icon image display mode. In the icon image display mode, each size of icon images to be displayed is scaled such that the icon images can be displayed in a boundary area. In Dutta, all of the text is removed from the icon image in the icon image display mode. As such, Dutta does not hide text string by placing an image over the text string.

Notwithstanding the above-noted deficiencies in the teachings of the cited references, the Examiner also has not provided any proper objective basis for combining the references. The desirability to scale icons to fit a display area still does not address why or how one of ordinary skill in the art would do so for the purpose of hiding text string. Further, even assuming that the references can be combined, one of ordinary skill in the art would, as noted above, simply "remove" text as taught in Dutta which is clearly different than the claimed displaying arrangement.

In view of the foregoing, claims 58, 65 and 72 and their dependent claims are distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections and allowance of the application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4776.

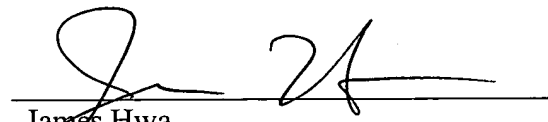
In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4776.

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